



**FRED WILLIAMSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
*Telecommunications Management Services*

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE  
Suite #110  
Washington, D.C. 20002

**Re: Notice of *ExParte* Presentation:**

- **Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket: #96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Behalf of Fred Williamson & Associates, Inc., I hereby confirm that on Monday, August 25, 2003 representatives of Fred Williamson & Associates, Inc. (FW&A, Inc.) Mr. Paul Cooper (Director of Operations), Mr. Bill McBride (Vice President) and I, as well as Mr. Mark Gailey (President and General Manager, Totah Telephone Company, Inc.) and Mr. Carl Krehbiel (President, Moundridge Telephone Company Inc.) met with the following member of the Federal Communications Commission staff:

Mr. Scott Bergmann    Legal Counsel – Commissioner Adelstein's Office

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information concerning several issues of concern that affect rural telephone companies in the above-captioned proceeding.

In accordance with FCC rules, this letter and its attachments are being filed electronically in the docket identified above.

Sincerely,

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